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SUBJ: ATIQUI INTERVIEW IN FINANCIAL TIMES

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1. NOV 7 LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER

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FINANCE AND OIL ATIQUI IN WHICH HE PUBLICLY MAKES TWO IMPORTANT

POINTS. IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BY DAVID HOUSEGO ATIQUI RULED OUT NATIONALIZATION OF AMERICAN OIL INTERESTS IN KUWAIT "ON POLITICAL GROUNDS". IN ANSWER TO QUERY WHETHER KUWAIT CONSIDERING USING MONETARY MEASURES TO SUPPLEMENT OIL CUTBACK ATIQUI CITED LOSSES BY KUWAIT DURING DEVALUATIONS AND OTHER UPS AND DOWNS INTERNATIONAL CURRENCIES DURING RECENT PAST AND SAID "I DON'T THINK ARABS ARE FOOLS TO EXTENT TO ACT TO DESTROY OR HELP DESTROY MONETARY SYSTEM OF WORLD".

2. ON OTHER MATTERS ATIQUI THANKED FRENCH FOR GOF STAND AND ISSUED STERN WARNING TO COUNTRIES PLANNING ON DEFYING ARAB OIL EMBARGO OF HOLLAND. ATIQUI PURPOSELY WOULD NOT IDENTIFY "FRIENDLY" COUNTRIES WHO WOULD GET FULL SHARE OF OIL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. COMMENT: ATIQUI'S STATEMENTS RE NATIONALIZATION AND FINANCIAL WEAPONS WELCOME PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY UTTERED PUBLICLY TO WIDELY READ AND RESPECTED PERIODICAL. MOREOVER THEY CONSISTENT WITH STATEMENTS MADE PRIVATELY TO US BY GOK OFFICIALS OR WITH OUR OWN ANALYSES OF WHAT GOK POLICY LIKELY TO BE. BELIEVE REMARK PLACING DECISION NOT TO NATIONALIZE IIPOLITICAL CONTEXT SHOULD BE READ AS INDICATING GOK DESIRE TO GO ALONG WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND AGAINST THOSE SUCH AS IRAQ OR LOCAL LABOR UNIONS CALLING FOR SUCH A MOVE. IT ALSO CONTAINS SIGNAL THAT GOK WANTS MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH US. STOLTZFUS

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